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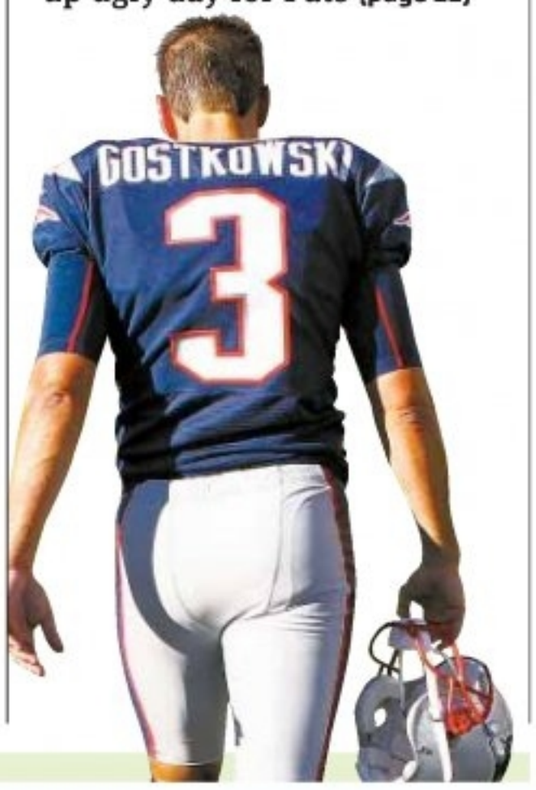

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NEW ENGLAND’S GAME

Gamers emerge from dungeons, head to bars

Game Over takes geek chic to the next level ◆ Tuesdays at Good Life will be packed with video, board, card games ◆ Nerds welcome to join

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▶ Carlo Galimbo, left, and Alexis Burgoon play Wii during a recent Game Over event at Good Life.

Gone are the days where playing "pretend" was banished to your parents' basement.

The nerds have gotten their revenge. They are now the cool kids. They've grown up, gotten jobs and are still ready to play.

That's probably why Boston's Game Over is going strong, and kicking off its first weekly gathering tomorrow at Good Life bar.

Formerly a bi-weekly event, Game Over started in July as a free gathering for people looking to down some drinks and have some wholesome fun in the form of board, card and video games. Its organizer describes the free event as "a night for gamers, by gamers."

Starting around 6 p.m., guests of all types trickle in as the game systems, laptops and card games are set up at the bar, in booths and at tables. Some come in groups, others alone. But by 10 p.m., the party is pretty revved up, with Boston-area kids-at-heart bonding over a common hobby.

For Game Over founder Scott Trano, it is no shock that the event has a following.

"A lot of kids grew up being ridiculed for [gaming]. They had to find a fellow nerd to discuss things like Dungeons and Dragons," Trano said. "They don't have to deal with that anymore. Now they're older, have jobs and they are living their lives with no one to judge them."

The sentiment was shared across the board at the last Game Over, two weeks ago.

"There are so many different elements of gaming, and they're all here — and, you know, vodka too," said Adam Smith as he watched a girl nearby play Dance Dance Revolution. "We've come a long way from the '70s and '80s where gaming was a restricted kind of thing. Not just gaming, but nerdy stuff in general — the stigma is gone. Who hasn't played Mario Kart when they got out of school?"

Weaving through the packed downstairs bar, it seemed everyone had, and it didn't look like they had any intention of growing out of it.

"I figured I'd come check it out after work," said Matt Bourque, a recent college graduate who came stag to Game Over. "Now that I'm back in the area full time I was looking to meet more people in the area. ... It's nice to have somewhere that's in Boston proper, and it's in a relaxed social setting. In a game store, you're more likely to meet other people who are straight-up, hardcore gamers."

Even the man who opened up his bar to the gamers gets the trend.

"I am truly a nerd at heart. I don't play Magic or anything but totally understand. I have been an avid comic book collector since I was a kid. I have a lot," said Peter Fiumara, owner of Good Life, who added that his favorite comic book hero is Marvel's Daredevil.

With college season unfolding, and word spreading about the geek-friendly event, Trano said he expects Game Over to stay strong: "It's a nerd kingdom, and it's growing."

Quoted

"The nerds grew up. The whole 'smart is sexy' movement took over. Now they are in their 20s and 30s — an expendable income group."

SCOTT TRANO, FOUNDER OF GAME OVER

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In the news

$25M

After decades of consideration, construction of a $25 million parking garage near Beverly's commuter rail station will finally begin this fall, afer an MBTA board of directors vote last week at Somerville City Hall. The garage will hold more than 500 cars, with facilities for electric cars, along with motorcycle and bicycle parking and spaces for Zipcars, according to the State House News. Construction is scheduled to wrap up by December 2013. METRO

Today's local tweet

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▶ The suspect

Cops look for supermarket assailant

SOMERVILLE. Somerville Police this weekend sought the public's help to identify a man who allegedly assaulted an 18-year-old woman at a supermarket on Labor Day.

Police said the suspect approached the victim from behind and indecently assaulted her as she was shopping, then quickly fled the area on a mountain bicycle headed toward Union Square.

The suspect is desribed as as a dark-skinned white man, 6-feet tall and between 30-35 years old. METRO

Man goes for cop's weapon

BOSTON. A Dorchester man was arrested early Friday morning after a traffic stop got out of hand. Police said Calvin Horne, 26, attempted to grab one of the officer's service weapons when they tried to arrest him at 1:37 a.m. for allegedly driving without a license and having two bags of marijuana. Police said they also found over two dozen bags of crack and a loaded gun. METRO

BPD: Free self-defense for women

BOSTON. Police are hoping to arm Brighton women with self-defense skills by offering them four free two-hour classes between Sept. 24 and Oct. 22.

The Rape Aggression Defense Systems will be taught by Boston Police.

They are open to all women in the community, and will be held at the Oak Square YMCA Teen Center. METRO

Fliers plead for help in finding lost pet unicorn

It's no rare sight to see "missing pet" fliers posted to Boston-area light poles, but one particularly unique pet seems to have gone missing lately.

Fliers have popped up around Newbury Street that prominently announce a "Missing Unicorn," complete with a photograph of what appears to be a white unicorn strolling in a field. The caption below the photo describes the mythical pet as "female" and "very friendly."

"Last seen at The Public Garden near Newbury Street," it states.

Coincidentally, Newbury Street is home to the unicorn's keeper, The Fairy Shop owner Michael Sage.

"I have a lot of unicorns in the shop. [The flyer] was just something I put together. I saw a lot of 'missing pet' flyers, and I thought this might make people laugh," Sage said.

TWITTER/@MATTSOLEYN

▶ Have you seen Alice?

The flyer offers a reward, which can be collected at his Newbury shop. So far, no one has been able to lasso the mythical creature; however, Sage said there have been some sightings.

"One of our regulars said they spotted her in Pinkberry on Newbury," Sage said. Another customer claims to have seen her in Cambridge.

When asked how one can spot a creature that isn't real, Sage seemed to be privy to knowledge most of us aren't: "She is real. That's Alice. Come into the shop, and you'll understand."

The shop, which has been open since 1994, offers an eclectic array of wares, from jewelry and fairy dust to gnomes and mermaids. There is also a "unicorn petting zoo" full of plush unicorns.

As for the reward, Sage is still thinking on that.

"If someone finds her, it will probably be ... something sweet because unicorns love sweets."

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Unicorn in the Twitterverse

"Missing unicorn flyers on Newbury! Lmao! I want to find and marry whoever posted that. Whether it's a man, woman, alien, or leprechaun." **@NATASHAVIANNA**

"Unicorn on the loose in #Boston!..." **@MATTSOLEYN**

"@alertnewengland We got a unicorn infestation over here in Southie" **@CRIMEBOSTON**

"@crimeboston Sorry, Boston Animal Control doesn't handle unicorns. All unicorn calls get routed to Mass Environmental Police." **@ALERTNEWENGLAND**

Remembering. Vietnam

▶ The color guard led the ceremony for the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial's 31st anniversary yesterday.

ERIK BALDASSARI/METRO

Four-star general and Southie native Joseph Dunford joined Lt. Governor Tim Murray and 25 Vietnam veterans yesterday for the South Boston Vietnam Veterans Memorial's 31st Anniversary Ceremony at Medal of Honor Park. The event was sponsored by the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee. The memorial in South Boston was the first war memorial in the country dedicated to Vietnam veterans. METRO

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News in brief

BPD motorcycle unit turns 100

The Boston Police Department celebrated its motorcycle unit's 100th birthday yesterday with a daylong celebration that started in Fenway Park and ended in Roxbury.

Former and current members of the unit met at Fenway Park, where they reminisced on their

motorcycle adventures and posed for photos before embarking on a ride to honor and remember those who were killed while serving in the unit.

According to the Boston Police Department, six police officers were killed in the line of duty. Each of those officers has a "hero sign" at different locations in the city.

Yesterday's "Ride to Remember" meandered through the city, past each of the signs and ended at a commemorative service with Mayor Thomas Menino and Police Commissioner Ed Davis. METRO/MR

DTX gets closer to renovating old Filene's site

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ This gaping hole will soon be no more.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority last week unanimously approved the proposed Millennium Tower and Burnham Building in Downtown Crossing, bringing the neighborhood one step closer to more housing, office, restaurant and retail space.

"I am proud of the decisive progress being made by Millennium Partners just eight months after announcing their lead on the Millennium Tower and Burnham Building," Mayor Thomas Menino said. "This iconic development will invigorate the heart of our city with new residents, business owners, and private investment, solidifying the promise of Downtown Crossing."

According to the BRA, the $615 million project will preserve and renovate the Burnham Building, former home of Filene's, and develop the Millennium Tower, a mixed-use residential building.

The restoration will include opening up the building at the street level for office space and retail, repairing the facade, updating all systems and taking advantage of the existing architecture to provide the creative, commercial space that retailers demand. METRO/MR

Quoted

"This iconic development will invigorate the heart of our city."
MENINO

$6.15 M
Total private investment

$1.2 M
Total square feet

625
Height of tower in feet

600
Residential units — a mix of one-, two-, three- and four-bedroom units

122K-231K
Retail space in square feet

125K-218K
Office space in square feet

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Restaurant space in square feet

500
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Video prompts Muslim protests around the world

A wave of furious anti-Western protests against a film mocking the Prophet Muhammad continued unabated yesterday, as U.S. policy in the Muslim world remained overshadowed by 13 minutes of amateurish video on the Internet.

Washington ordered family members and non-essential staff to leave the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, which was attacked Friday after Sudan turned down its request to send Marines to bolster security.

In addition, it pulled non-essential personnel out of its embassy in the Tunisian capital, Tunis, also attacked on Friday, and urged American citizens to leave the city.

Marine platoons have been sent to U.S. missions in Yemen and Libya since the unrest erupted. **REUTERS**

50 arrested

Libyan President Mohammed Magarief said yesterday that about 50 people have been arrested in connection with the deadly attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi last week, which he said was planned by foreigners linked to al Qaeda.

Magarief, in an interview on CBS's "Face the Nation," said some of those arrested were not Libyans and were linked to al Qaeda, the militant Muslim group that carried out the 9/11 attacks on the United States. Magarief, who became president after the bloody U.S.-backed ouster of Muammar Gaddafi, described others as affiliates or sympathizers. **REUTERS**

RIZWAN TABASSUM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Pakistani Sunni Muslim protesters torch a U.S. flag and an effigy of President Barack Obama yesterday during a protest rally against an anti-Islam movie in Karachi.

One killed, five hurt in anti-US protests

One person was killed and five were injured yesterday in protests across Pakistan against a video that ridicules the Prophet Mohammad, police said.

The death occurred when unidentified people opened fire during a protest in the southern city of Hyderabad, they said.

In Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, five people were injured in clashes with police as protesters tried to reach the U.S. consulate.

Four days of protests against the short, amateurish clip, produced in California and posted online, have seen American and European embassies, businesses and a school attacked in Libya, Tunisia, Yemen and Egypt. **REUTERS**

In the news

Man charged with plot to leave car bomb outside bar

CHICAGO. An 18-year-old who tried to set off what he thought was a car bomb outside a Chicago bar Friday night has been arrested and charged in a federal undercover sting, authorities said. Adel Daoud, a U.S. citizen planned for months for the attack and prayed with a man who turned out to be an undercover agent before attempting to set off a bomb in a Jeep outside a bar, authorities said.

Daoud, who considered up to 29 possible targets, was charged with one count of attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction and one count of attempt to damage and destroy a building by means of an explosive. **REUTERS**

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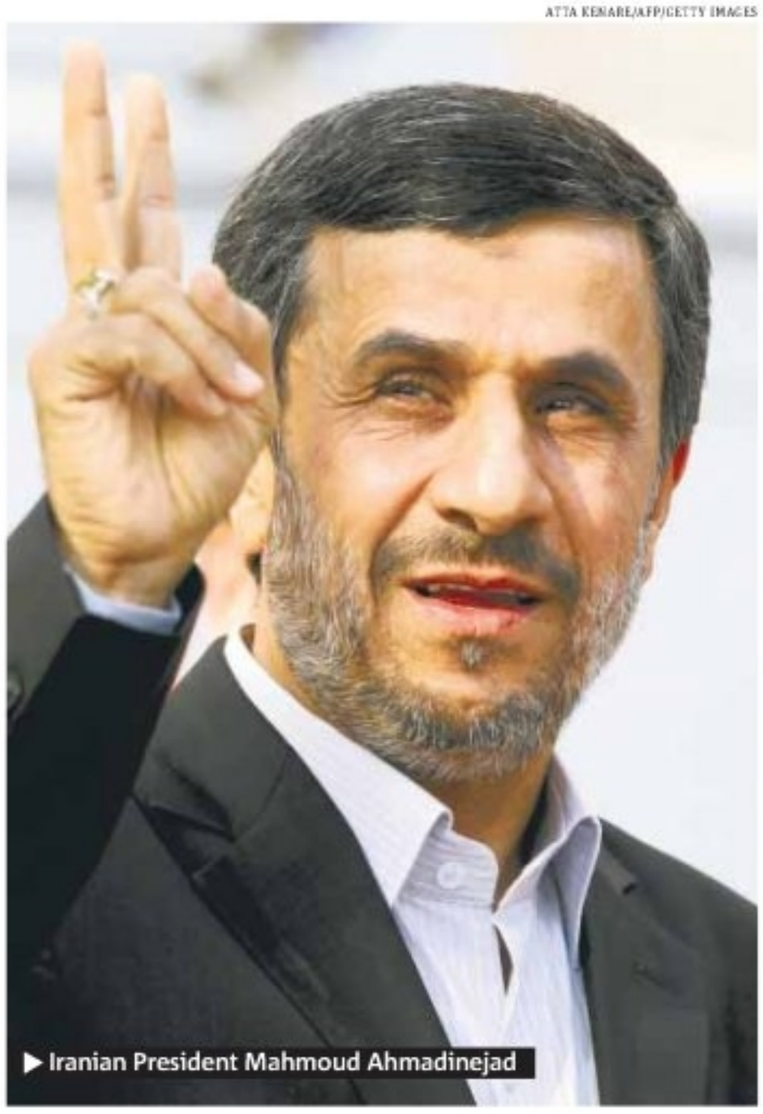

▶ Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned yesterday that Iran was just six to seven months away from the brink of being able to build a nuclear bomb, adding urgency to his demand that President Barack Obama set a "red line" for Tehran in what could deepen the worst U.S.-Israeli rift in decades.

Taking to the television airwaves to make his case directly to the American public, Netanyahu said that by mid-2013 Iran would be "90 percent of the way" toward enough enriched uranium for a weapon. He again urged the United States to spell out limits that Tehran must not cross if it's to avoid military action — something Obama has refused to do.

"You have to place that red line before them now, before it's too late," Netanyahu said on NBC's "Meet the Press," adding that such a U.S. move could reduce the chances of having to attack Iran's nuclear sites.

The unusually public dispute between close allies — coupled with Obama's decision not to meet with Netanyahu later this month — has exposed a gaping U.S.-Israeli divide and stepped up pressure on the U.S. leader in a tight election campaign. REUTERS

'In the red zone'

- Speaking via satellite from Jerusalem, Netanyahu argued that a credible U.S. ultimatum was needed to curb Iran, which denies it is seeking a nuclear bomb.
- "They're in the 'red zone,'" Netanyahu said, using an American football metaphor for when a team is close to scoring a touchdown. "You can't let them cross that goal line."

"You have to place that red line before them now, before it's too late."

NETANYAHU SAID ON NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS"

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In the news

▶ Infantry men attend a briefing at Lindsey forward operating base in Afghanistan.

NATO troops die in 'insider' attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL. Four U.S. troops fighting with the NATO-led alliance were killed yesterday in another suspected "insider" attack in southern Afghanistan, bringing the total number of deaths this weekend caused by Afghans turning on their allies to six.

Four troops were found dead and two wounded when a response team arrived at the scene from a nearby checkpoint, a spokesman for the coalition said. A Pentagon spokesman confirmed that the four dead were Americans.

One of the six members of the Afghan National Police (ANP) operating the observation post with six coalition troops was also found dead, while the other five had disappeared. REUTERS

Afghan president raps US over Bagram prison transfer

Afghan President Hamid Karzai accused the United States yesterday of breaching a pact to hand over the main U.S. military prison at Bagram Airbase and its inmates to Afghan control, after meeting Washington's top envoy to the region.

In a row that could complicate already thorny negotiations over the future U.S. military presence in the country, Karzai told U.S. Special Envoy to Afghanistan and Pakistan Marc Grossman that any delay to the handover was "a serious violation" of a strategic agreement between the allies. REUTERS

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Buckingham Palace to launch criminal case against French media

Kate Middleton and her husband Prince William are to make a criminal complaint today against the photographer who took topless pictures of the duchess.

The couple's lawyers will make the complaint to French prosecutors, a spokesman for the couple said yesterday

The images have appeared in French magazine Closer and the Irish Daily Star. An Italian magazine has said it also plans to print the photographs today.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "We can confirm that a criminal complaint is to be made to the French Prosecution Department."

"It concerns the taking of

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photographs of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge whilst on holiday and the publication of those photographs in breach of their privacy."

The couple's legal team will also attend the Tribunal de Grande Instance de Nanterre in Paris today, where damages and an injunction will be sought regarding Closer magazine.

The legal action also aims to prevent further publication of the images.

Closer magazine has defended its decision to publish, saying: "The photos we selected are by no means degrading."

Meanwhile, the Irish publisher of the Daily Star yesterday offered his "deepest apologies" for publishing the pictures.

All British papers have refrained from publishing the photographs, including the Sun, the only British title to run pictures of William's brother Harry cavorting naked in a Las Vegas hotel last month.

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▶ Kate and Prince William

In the news

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▶ Space shuttle Endeavour is heading to a museum in L.A.

Endeavour heads to new home in LA

CAPE CANAVERAL. The space shuttle Endeavour, built to replace NASA's lost ship Challenger, prepared for a final flight today, heading not into orbit but west to a Los Angeles museum.

Riding piggyback on top of a specially modified 747 jet, shuttle Endeavour will be the second of NASA's three surviving shuttles to leave the Kennedy Space Center and begin new roles as space ambassadors.

"We finally get to really show her off," NASA astronaut Kay Hire, who flew aboard Endeavour in 2010, told reporters yesterday on the shuttle's runway.

Endeavour was built after the Challenger was destroyed in a fatal accident in 1986. Endeavour's space life was relatively short by shuttle standards — just 25 missions over 20 years, totaling 299 days in space. REUTERS

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News in brief

Voting groups scramble in Fla.

Voting-rights groups that virtually stopped registering voters in Florida for a year as they challenged the state's new restrictions on elections now are scrambling to get people there registered for the Nov. 6 election. The effort in Florida — a large, politically divided state that is crucial in the nationwide race between Democratic President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney — comes two weeks after a federal judge rejected strict limits on voter-registration drives that have led to a big drop in Floridians signing up to vote.

The Florida law was so limiting that groups such as Rock the Vote and the League of Women Voters, which have helped to register millions of voters, essentially halted their registration drives. **REUTERS**

Chicago teachers debate strike end

Chicago Teachers Union delegates met yesterday to decide whether Mayor Rahm Emanuel has offered enough concessions in a new labor contract to end a weeklong strike and resume classes in the nation's third-largest school district. Negotiators met all day Saturday to put the finishing touches on a new contract for the 29,000 teachers, nurses and other support staff, and hoped to have legal language to present to some 800 union delegates meeting yesterday afternoon. Union President Karen Lewis said that if all goes well she will ask the delegates to vote to call off the strike against the school district, which began on Sept. 10 and kept 350,000 students out of school. **REUTERS**

The three words Obama fears most: 'I don't care'

GAINESVILLE, FLA. Three words offered again and again here on the campus of the University of Florida could spell disaster for President Barack Obama's reelection hopes if young voters are still repeating them in November: "I don't care."

The university, a liberal island in a sea of Republican red, will almost certainly back Obama over Republican Mitt Romney, as will most young voters in the Sunshine State. Recent polls show Obama with a significant lead among voters under age 29, a bloc that favored him 2-to-1 in 2008.

But the president's concern is whether these young voters are excited enough about him to turn out in the large numbers he needs to carry the nation's most populous swing state.

Young voters rallied behind Obama four years ago, excited by his pledge to transform Washington's hateful politics. But Obama is no longer running to be the nation's first black president. He now faces student voters who, after his first term, are dealing with record levels of debt and bleak job prospects and who remain turned off by the unchanged, bitter partisanship.

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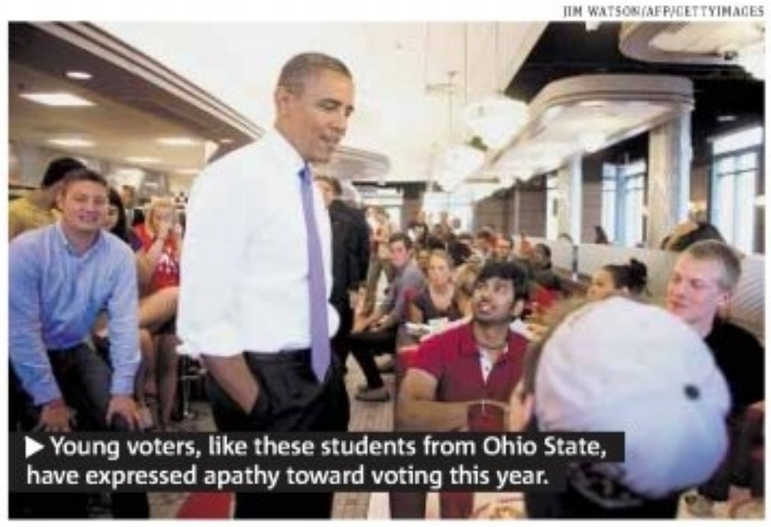

▶ Young voters, like these students from Ohio State, have expressed apathy toward voting this year.

"The general sense is that most students think both sides are incompetent," Hunter Browning-Smith, a 20-year-old junior, said. "Nobody's excited about either candidate. I know Obama used to have all this support with people my age, but that's not how it is now."

And 20-year-old Intale Shuva added, "Politics right now are pretty depressing."

There is, of course, still support for Obama on campus. Hundreds of students waited in line for tickets to see First Lady Michelle Obama speak on Monday, and there are daily voter registration drives and regular phone banks that reach out to young voters.

Yet, interviews with dozens of students and 20-somethings fresh out of school in this college town revealed a prevailing sense of apathy.

"I totally drank the Obama Kool-Aid" in 2008, Nick Carey, 24, said over a beer at a dive bar downtown. "It's not that I think he's a bad guy. He's just another politician. Things haven't really changed at all." **BRIAN HUGHES, WASHINGTON EXAMINER**

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SENIOR EDITORIAL WRITER FOR THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER

'THE STATUS QUO, ONLY WORSE'

Bob Woodward knows a failed president when he sees one. The man who was instrumental in bringing down Richard Nixon has now covered eight presidents for the Washington Post while writing more than a dozen books about them. Which is what makes the final verdict he renders on President Barack Obama in his new book, "The Price of Politics," so damning. Woodward writes, "It is a fact that President Obama was handed a miserable, faltering economy and faced a recalcitrant Republican opposition. But presidents work their will — or should work their will — on the important matters of national business. ... Obama has not."

Over the course of almost 450 pages, Woodward depicts Obama as an arrogant, aloof and hyperpartisan president who manages to either alienate or disappoint everybody he needs to help govern Washington.

One of the first scenes Woodward recounts is a meeting at the White House where Obama invited House Republicans to talk about the stimulus. After then-Minority Whip Eric Cantor distributed a five-point Republican stimulus plan that differed from Obama's tax plan, Obama told Cantor, "I can go it alone. ... Look at the polls. The polls are pretty good for me right now. Elections have consequences. And Eric, I won. So on that, I think I trump you."

Later, after the Democrats drafted a stimulus bill that contained zero Republican ideas, Obama Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel put Obama's position on bipartisanship a bit more succinctly: "We have the votes. F–k 'em."

Obama's tone changed, of course, after the "shellacking" the American people gave him during the 2010 elections. But even when he knew he needed Republican votes to govern, Obama could not help but stereotype and lecture the other party. He confidently told his staff he could roll newly minted House Speaker John Boehner because "he's a golf-playing, cigarette-smoking, country-club Republican who makes deals. He is very familiar to me."

Boehner did try — very hard, in fact — to make a deal with Obama on the debt limit. But it was amateur hour at the White House at every turn. At one point in the negotiations, Obama insisted on dragging every congressional leader to the White House for daily meetings until the crisis was solved. The veteran hill staffers thought this was a clear sign that "the president simply didn't understand how Congress works and didn't know how to negotiate."

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"Boehner," Woodward writes, "hated going down to the White House to listen to what amounted to presidential lectures."

And congressional Republicans weren't the only ones disappointed in Obama's leadership. After Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., became so disillusioned with Obama's handling of the crisis that they eventually cut their own deal with Boehner, Woodward writes that Obama had essentially been "voted off the island in his own house."

As a result of Obama's bumbling, Woodward concludes, "The mission of stabilizing and improving the economy is incomplete. First, the short-term federal fiscal problem has not been solved. Instead it has been pushed off to the future, leaving the United States facing what is now called the fiscal cliff. ... Second, the long-term problem of unsustainable entitlement spending on Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security, highlighted by Republican House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan and familiar to all informed politicians and economists including the president ... has been left largely unaddressed."

"Americans are now left with a still struggling economy in the midst of a presidential election," Woodward writes. "It is a world of the status quo, only worse."

"The status quo, only worse." What a perfect description of the Obama presidency. It even fits on a bumper sticker.

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Behind the 'Top Colleges' rankings

When Forbes Magazine officially releases its "America's Top Colleges" list this week, it will, as always, be met with controversy.

"People are always going to get angry any time you try to rank institutions. And people get angry ridiculously high up the list," says Michael Noer, the executive editor of Forbes. "We rank 650 schools. There's about 2,500 undergraduate schools in the country. Anything in the top 50 is a stunningly good school."

And while the Forbes methodology is more rigorous than most, Noer concedes that there are unavoidable statistical biases in the rankings.

"Large public institutions do relatively poorly on our list. The reason is that anytime you have, say, 60,000 students, you're going to have a reversion to the mean," says Noer. "If you have that many students, some of them are going to do well in life, and some of them are going to do crappy. You can't do this without creating certain biases."

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▶ Princeton University scored the No. 1 spot on Forbes' list.

Forbes' top five colleges

1. Princeton University
2. Williams College
3. Stanford University
4. University of Chicago
5. Yale University

Ranking system

Forbes' list utilizes a system developed by Ohio University economist Richard Vedder. Here are the five most heavily weighted data points:

- Student evaluations from RateMyProfessors.com
- Salary of alumni from Payscale.com
- List of alumni in "Who's Who in America"
- Average federal student loan debt load
- Actual four-year graduation rate

Outside perspective

For perspective on the Forbes list, we contacted college admissions expert Steve Cohen, author of "Getting In: The Zinch Guide to College Admissions and Financial Aid in the Digital Age."

"The Forbes ranking is a vast improvement over the U.S. News and World Report approach. It considers things that are truly important. There are, however, two problems: First, the inputs are not quite there. For example, 'Who's Who' and Payscale.com are not very good measures of post-graduate success. Similarly, the four-year graduation rate is a false measure. Kids who change majors — and that is 70 percent of all undergraduates — find it almost impossible to graduate in four years."

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Those who fancy themselves up to the Photo Challenge have until Nov. 11 to submit their top photos in whatever category they want. Winners in each of the competing countries will face a global jury — including renowned wildlife photographer Mattias Klum, up-and-coming fashion photographer Lara Jade and Esben Darling Meng, CEO of photo bank Colourbox.com — for the final vote. The global winners will be announced on Nov. 30.

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Expert tips

Three tips from Esben Darling Meng, CEO of Colourbox.com, Scandinavia's largest image bank:

1. Have a clear message. Most importantly, tell readers what your image is about. You should immediately pinpoint one or two words that you would like people to associate with the picture.
2. Connect with emotions. A typical mistake is to try to fit too much into a photo.
3. There should be a story. If you snap a dog with a stick, have it running towards you so people can wonder where it came from or connect it with their childhood. Make your audience want to know more.

Advice

'On-location shooting is the biggest challenge'

What are the most common mistakes for inexperienced photographers?
Typical weaknesses are in focus and framing/composition of the chosen subject. Retouching or over-retouching an image with Photoshop or other editing software is risky, and most importantly: Avoid shooting blind without reference or ideas.

What are you most trusted techniques for a shot with impact?
It varies with subject matter. With my own shooting style, I always trust using a wide aperture on location, because this enhances the 'ethereal' look that I'm trying to achieve. Other trusted techniques include: making the most of available light; shooting into the sun at sunrise and sunset; and using trusted models and talent on a set to help enhance the styling of your subject.

What is the most demanding environment/style in which to shoot?
On-location shooting is one of the most challenging shoot environments because there are so many things that could go wrong, no matter how much you prepare! If I had to combine this with style, I'd say that shooting with natural light ON location has to be the ultimate challenge — because the light is constantly changing as you go.

—LARA JADE, fashion and advertising photographer

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Nicki Minaj and Keith Urban join 'Idol' team

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▶ Urban

▶ Minaj

The new judges' panel for the 12th season of "American Idol" was announced yesterday in a press release from Fox. Joining previously confirmed judges **Mariah Carey** and **Randy Jackson** will be the new additions of **Keith Urban** and **Nicki Minaj**.

"With the exciting addition of Mariah Carey, Keith Urban and Nicki Minaj, alongside Randy Jackson, [the show's] star power has never been so great," said "Idol" executive producer **Simon Fuller** in a boilerplate quote.

Judging by other quotes in the release — "we've put together one of the most exciting judging panels around," said **Mike Darnell**, president of alternative entertainment for Fox Broadcasting Company — you can tell the honchos at the network are feeling the heat from other all-star panels at rival singing competitions such as "The Voice" and "The X Factor," where **Britney Spears** is killing it as a judge.

What do you think of these new additions? As always, feel free to write in to let your opinion known. As for me, I just hope Nicki Minaj's multiple personalities can make up for Urban's lack of one.

Royal lawyers: Block those nips!

Will the publishers of Italian media group Mondadori lose their shirts for publishing photos of **Kate Middleton** without hers on?

It certainly looks that way, with lawyers for the royal family going to court today in France in order to try to stop further publication of topless photos of Kate there. The palace is also seeking damages from Mondadori, which is owned by former Italian Premier **Silvio Berlusconi**. Meanwhile, YouPorn.com — a site that usually doesn't need publicity — has generated some by offering an "open checkbook" to procure the snaps.

It might just be me, but it's hard to find any sympathy for Middleton. When you know you are going to become the next Queen of England, it's time to put your topless sunbathing days behind you. Seems like a fair swap, right?

Duff Goldman: Buddy's not my buddy

We chatted up "Ace of Cakes" star **Duff Goldman** at the launch of his cake-inspired truffles collection for Godiva last week, and he wasn't too happy when asked about his friendship with **Buddy Valastro** of "Cake Boss" fame.

"We don't have one," he told Metro. "He's not the other cake guy. It's insulting to even be compared with that guy. It's terrible. I hate it, I really hate it." He then launched into an off-the-record rant about the Cake Boss's subpar skills before walking off, leaving us to munch on his tasty truffles solo.

Guess there's no amount of sugar that could sweeten up that relationship.

— With additional reporting by Meredith Engel

Duff Goldman

Talking points

Gaga's new tat

Before getting her head tattooed while reclining inside of a giant perfume bottle last Thursday, **Lady Gaga** drank tequila and smoked cigarettes. We can relate to only some of that sentence. The Mother Monster got the tat — a cherub with wings — to promote her new fragrance Fame.

Lively/Reynolds wedding was super top-secret

"Green Lantern" co-stars **Blake Lively** and **Ryan Reynolds** married in secret last week, and People magazine says you weren't the only one out of the loop. "Not even the people who baked the cake or the plantation owners had any idea" that the wedding was happening, says one of the magazine's senior writers.

▶ Lady Gaga promotes Fame by yet again doing something outlandish.

Has Stewart packed her bags again?

Have **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** moved back in together? "They pretty much decided they couldn't live without each other,' a source tells **Perez Hilton**. "Kristen poured her heart out to Robert and told him it was a one-off and a mistake. Rob sees it as Kristen made a really stupid mistake." This conversation apparently took place on **Reese Witherspoon**'s ranch while **Ryan Phillippe** took notes hiding in a laundry basket. (Kidding, Ry.)

▶ Agron

Agron not very 'Glee'-ful

Where was **Dianna Agron**, aka Quinn, on the "Glee" season premiere? Word is the cheerleader will be leaving the series earlier than expected. "Dianna was unhappy and had been trying to get off the show for a while," an insider tells Us Weekly. "She and producers came to an agreement where they let her go. That's what she wanted." A rep for the show said the report was false.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Mindy Kaling makes a "Splash" and Albert Brooks makes a good point.

Mindy Kaling (@mindykaling)
@RealRonHoward and @tomhanks listening carefully to a stunt coordinator in a safety meeting on the set of Splash. #Fakepicsiwant

Eli Roth (@eliroth)
I think by now Paul Thomas Anderson and Paul W.S. Anderson must have some kind of Lancaster Dodd/Freddie Quell relationship.

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Just wondering. Women are different from men, right? But are their bodies different too?

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Red carpet looks from Saturday's Creative Arts Emmy Awards

1 A buff **Kathy Griffin** apparently stood up and flipped everybody off when her show "Tired Hooker" lost to "The Kennedy Center Honors" at the awards ceremony.

2 **Nick Offerman** posed with wife actress **Megan Mullally**.

3 **Margaret Cho** was nominated for her guest role on "30 Rock" as Kim Jong Il. She lost to Kathy Bates for her work on "Two and a Half Men."

4 **Christina Hendricks** donned a one-shoulder Jenny Packham gown.

5 **Malin Akerman** rocked a plunging dress to cheer on her "Childrens Hospital" co-stars.

6 **Carrie Brownstein** of "Portandia" popped up, too.

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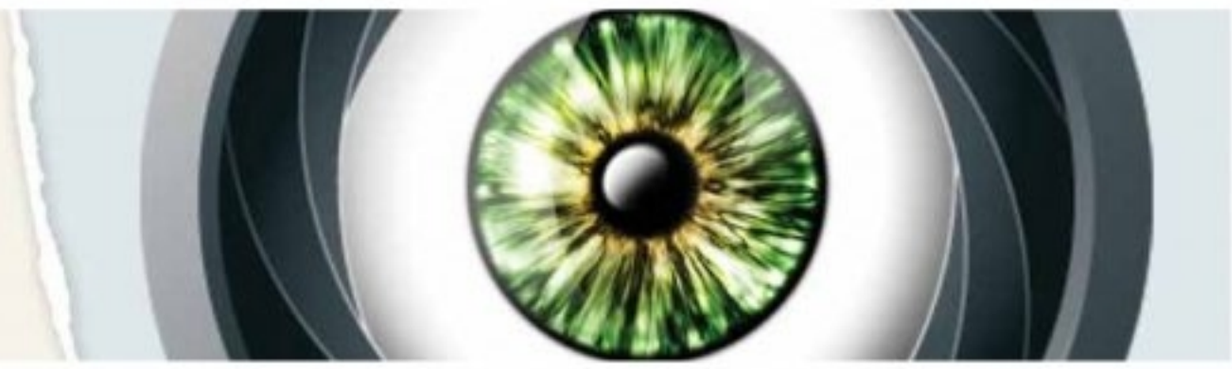

MILLA JOVOVICH: ZOMBIE KILLER, TOILETRY THIEF

The Russian-born actress talks about collaborating with her husband and why those little freebie shampoo bottles at hotels are irresistible

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▶ Armed and dangerous: Milla Jovovich reprises her role as Alice in "Resident Evil: Retribution."

When we first see Milla Jovovich, she's carrying a handful of hotel toiletries to her bag, explaining that she's taking them home with her. "I have guest rooms, and I think it's super-chic to put them out, and then when people are finished with them, either they buy their own or they know it's time to leave," she explains. "I can obviously afford to buy shampoo, but it's a principle thing, right?" Jovovich certainly can afford any toiletries she wants, since her zombie-fighting film series is up to its fifth installment, "Resident Evil: Retribution," and shows no sign of slowing down.

When you get to the fifth film in a franchise, how do you keep track of the story?

I'm married to the writer-director. That helps. Because literally, I think up until last year I totally thought Alice was the bad guy. Paul [W.S. Anderson] was like, "No, but don't you remember in No. 1, the whole flashback sequence?" And I was like, "Are you sure?" And he's like, "I wrote the script. I think I'm sure." But pretty much there is no script. Michelle [Rodriguez] and I like to say that Paul just has a video camera and presses record.

It's a pretty reductive view of his job.

It's OK, he's confident. One of the few men I've ever met — and, you know, I married him — who is not scared of strong women. Which is pretty rare.

Speaking of strong women, there's talk of an all-female version of the "The Expendables."

We're the ones that set it up. ... [Paul and I] have a really interesting idea that I won't tell you about right now, but it's really cool and it would be sort of like a female "Expendables." It would be strong women taking vengeance.

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Twitter etiquette

Milla Jovovich just passed the 1 million follower mark on Twitter. Here, she outlines for Metro her three main rules of proper Twitter etiquette.

1 **Devote the time:** If I'm going to tweet, I need to tweet and be able to have an hour to tweet. I can't just tweet one thing and then disappear.

2 **Keep it professional:** When I'm working I tweet all the time, but when I'm at home with my daughter, the last thing I'm going to tweet is my home life because I'm not a reality-TV person.

3 **Reward the loyal:** When I got to 990,000 [followers] ... I wanted to do something special to make people feel proud to be following me. So I said, "Enter this contest and we'll randomly choose somebody and we'll do a special screening of 'Resident Evil' for you and your friends."

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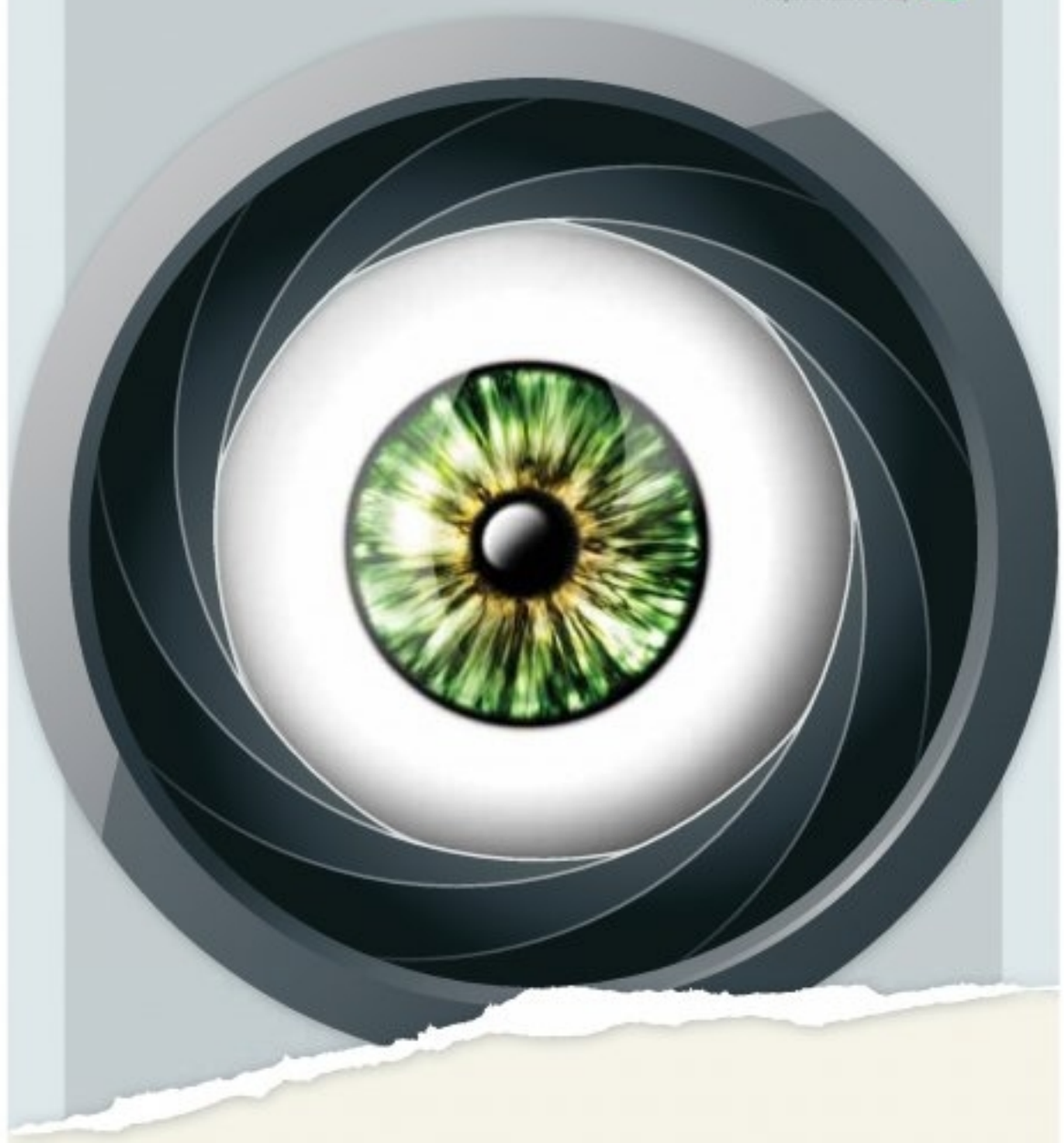
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Fall TV Guide: Mondays

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Dystopian drama doesn't have to be all death and destruction ▶ New NBC fantasy imagines a world with no electricity but plenty of adventure

A 'Revolution' is beginning

▶ Tracy Spiridakos stars as Charlie Matheson on "Revolution." The series premieres tonight at 10 on NBC.

Quoted

"Even though she has seen a lot of death, she's still full of love no matter what. That's what drives her."
TRACY SPIRIDAKOS

This is no 'Mad Max'

The show's creators brought levity to the lights-out drama by focusing on characters, like Charlie, who don't view a lack of electricity as a disaster.

"While people are struggling to hold onto shreds of the old society and struggling to get the lights back on ... there's Charlie's generation, who see this almost as a pastoral, simple place [where] they grew up," explains producer Jon Favreau. "This is the only world they know. And we wanted to show a lot of the show through their eyes so it didn't feel like 'The Road' or 'Mad Max,' but instead felt like this wonderland."

Life in a post-apocalyptic world is pretty depressing stuff — just check out "The Walking Dead" or "The Hunger Games." But dystopian drama doesn't have to be quite so dark, even if all the lights go out.

The new NBC drama "Revolution," from fantasy masters Eric Kripke ("Supernatural"), J.J. Abrams ("Lost") and Jon Favreau ("Iron Man"), imagines a world where the electricity suddenly shuts off. Fifteen years later, America sans TV and Twitter is a lawless, dangerous place. But the show makes surviving on your wits with primitive resources look, well, kind of fun.

"It's an adventure show," says Tracy Spiridakos, who plays "Revolution" lead Charlie. "People view it as a post-apocalyptic sort of thing, but it's not. There's a lot of heart."

Her father murdered and brother kidnapped by militia leaders, we meet the crossbow-wielding Charlie as she heads to Chicago to enlist the aid of her estranged uncle in the search for her sibling. Fight scenes with swords certainly add to the swashbuckling dynamic of the series, but more stylistic than the show's out-of-date weaponry is its old-fashioned approach to building characters within a complex mythology. Through Charlie's heartfelt, family-first mission of "find my brother," the reasons why the power went out and what happened in the aftermath are slowly revealed.

Her perspective, so honest and full of good intentions, is what gives the show its light.

"Charlie has grown up in this world [without advanced technology]; it's just life to her," Spiridakos says. "She comes across some crazy, intense things as the series goes on, and she's obviously in a lot of danger a lot of the time, but she sees the good in people. She's not jaded. Even though she has seen a lot of death, she's still full of love no matter what. That's what drives her."

Preparing for the role

Tracy Spiridakos has had plenty of real-world training for her role as a survivor of a permanent blackout in the fantasy drama "Revolution" — if you include her time spent in front of the TV, that is.

"I love being able to get out of my world, which is why I love playing video games," the actress says. "I like jumping into a world that isn't my own and exploring it. I don't think of the restrictions — this isn't possible, this couldn't happen, don't do this or don't do that. I just pretend like it could. So this has been a really, really exciting journey for me."

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Also new on Mondays

'Partners'

Polar-opposite best friend business partners Joe (David Krumholtz), who is straight, and Louis (Michael Urie), who is gay, bicker about work and life, but can't imagine even a day spent without the other. Their relationship becomes even more complicated when Joe proposes to his girlfriend (Sophia Bush). It's your standard odd-couple sitcom, this one relying on quasi-edgy jokes. **Premieres Sept. 24, 8:30 p.m., CBS**

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▶ From left: Sophia Bush, David Krumholtz, Brandon Routh (who plays Louis' boyfriend) and Michael Urie star in "Partners."

'The Mob Doctor'

Jordana Spiro ("My Boys") plays Grace Devlin, a promising Chicago doctor who moonlights for the mob — just in case that wasn't clear from the title. She splits her time between saving lives at a prestigious hospital and stitching up goons in dirty back rooms, thanks to her brother's mafia debt. Grace is painted a little too hard-nosed, but the heightened portrait of Chicago's underbelly is fun to watch. **Premieres tonight, 9 p.m., Fox**

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▶ Grace (Jordana Spiro) is "The Mob Doctor"

'Catfish: The TV Show'

Based on the documentary "Catfish," this TV spinoff follows couples who have fallen in love online and chronicles their first in-person meetings. The encounters — involving some parties who may not have been entirely truthful in their online correspondence — promise to be awkward, if not somewhat exploitative. **Premieres Nov. 12, 10 p.m., MTV** AMBER RAY

Box office

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▶ Looks like the fifth time's a charm for Milla Jovovich and the "Resident Evil" franchise.

'Resident Evil: Retribution' swims past 'Finding Nemo'

Horror sequel "Resident Evil: Retribution" grabbed the top spot at the U.S. and Canadian box office over the weekend, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

The fifth movie in the zombie franchise based on the survival video game features Milla Jovovich teaming up with a resistance movement to fight the undead. The film brought in $21.1 million.

A 3-D version of the 2003 Disney/Pixar cartoon "Finding Nemo" took the No. 2 spot in the U.S. and Canadian box-office charts with $17.5 million, Disney said.

Third place belonged to demon thriller "The Possession," which posted sales of $5.8 million. The movie led the charts for the previous two weekends.

Sony Corp.'s movie studio released "Resident Evil." Lions Gate Entertainment distributed "The Possession." REUTERS

Creative Arts Emmys

'Games of Thrones' rules awards show

Medieval fantasy "Game of Thrones" led the winners at the Creative Arts Emmys on Saturday in a ceremony that also honored Kathy Bates for channeling Charlie Sheen on "Two and a Half Men" but shut out Emmy darling "Mad Men."

On a night that rewarded guest actors, choreographers, musicians and editors of the year's leading TV shows, HBO's "Game of Thrones" won six awards, including costumes, makeup and special visual effects.

Sketch show "Saturday Night Live" took home four, including a best guest actor trophy for comedian Jimmy Fallon as host, tying for second place with the Charles Dickens drama "Great Expectations" on PBS and Discovery Channel's nature documentary "Frozen Planet."

Bates, 64, was a popular winner for her guest actress turn as Charlie Sheen's killed-off bad boy Charlie Harper on CBS comedy "Two and a Half Men."

The Oscar-winning Bates, who last week revealed she had recently undergone a double mastectomy, played the ghost of Sheen/Harper, complete with cigar and trademark bowling shirt.

In a night of surprises, 1960s advertising show and four-time Best Drama Series winner "Mad Men" was shut out of the creative arts portion of the biggest honors in the TV industry.

"Mad Men" will still hope to capture the top prize next week at the Primetime Emmys, which honors the best dramas, comedies, writers and actors. They take place Sept. 23 at a televised ceremony in Los Angeles, hosted by comedian Jimmy Kimmel. REUTERS

6 Number of Creative Arts Emmys won by "Game of Thrones."

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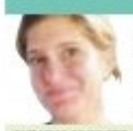

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The question:

What can you do for a friend or relative who has depression?

It's important to know the difference between what you can and cannot do.

What you cannot do: Major depressive disorder is a legitimate illness of the brain's neurotransmitters. Just as you wouldn't attempt to treat a friend's diabetes, you cannot cure his or her depression. For many people, this can be hard to accept. Unfortunately, there is nothing you can do or say to lift the clouds. Tough love will not motivate your friend. If anything, it may make him or her feel worse. Although you may strongly encourage your loved one to seek treatment, you cannot make that person go, nor can you make him or her take medication.

That being said, there are some things you can do to help:

▶ **Encourage that person to seek treatment from a licensed mental-health professional.** You can research therapists, but the person suffering should call to set up the consultation, as his or her investment in the process will affect the outcome of treatment.

▶ **Be a good friend and stay in touch.** Though you may feel inclined to distance yourself, your withdrawal may actually accentuate feelings of isolation that are common to depression.

▶ **Ask your friend if he or she is feeling suicidal.** If he or she says "yes," take your friend to an emergency room or call 911. If your friend indicates a definitive plan and easy access to weapons and/or potentially lethal drugs, you should definitely call. If he or she admits to having fleeting suicidal thoughts but does not plan to act on them, you can encourage the person to share this with a therapist and give him or her the number for the suicide hotline in case the depression deepens (1-800-SUICIDE) while continuing to watch for changes in behavior.

▶ **Be compassionate.** We've all had our dark times; some are worse than others.

— Kim Schneiderman, MSW, LCSW, is a psychotherapist and former journalist with a private practice in New York City. This column is not intended to be used as a substitute for a private consultation with a mental-health professional, nor is this therapist to be held liable for any actions taken as a result of this column. If you have any concerns related to the content of this column, please make an appointment with a licensed mental-health professional. E-mail Kim your questions at askkim@metro.us.

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▶ While you can't cure a friend's depression, you can help him or her through it.

Set boundaries

▶ **While being a good friend, continue to take care of yourself.** Spending prolonged time, especially living with, a person who is depressed can be emotionally draining. Take time to do activities you enjoy and remember what is within and not within your power to change.

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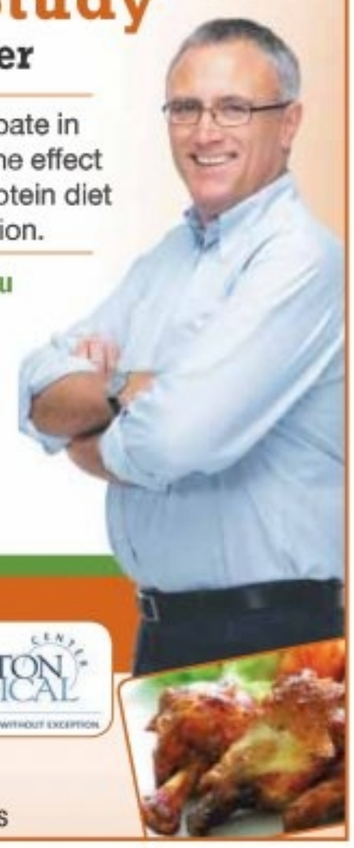

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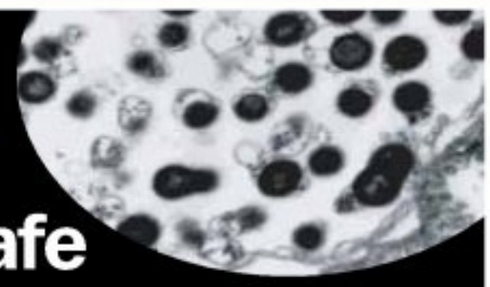

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KATE FREEMAN

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Advice

When equal pay hits close to home

In this year's presidential race, the workplace has ranked high among the issues, with unemployment and job creation at the center of seemingly endless speeches and debates. Also on the list, although much lower, is equal pay and the stubborn wage gap between men and women. Last week, the U.S. Census Bureau released data that women are still making 77 cents to the dollar compared to men, despite the fact that President Barack Obama signed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act and created a National Equal Pay Task Force.

So what can women do as they wait on Washington? There's no simple answer, but like most salary negotiations, it begins with research. Before you claim that your male colleague is unfairly cashing fatter paychecks than you, consider a few key points. "Do you and your male counterpart have the same schooling, skills and years of experience," asks Nicole Williams, LinkedIn's connections director. "What is the difference between your responsibilities? Can you determine the amount of money he has made or saved for the firm?"

"Present a business case to support your position that you should be making a higher salary."
MICHAEL TIMMES

If the playing field seems even, it's time to broach a sensitive subject with your boss: a very warranted pay raise. And while there's no question that men and women should be paid equally, a little hard evidence won't hurt your case.

"Take a professional approach," explains Michael Timmes, a human resources specialist at Insperity. "Present a business case to support your position that you should be making a higher salary."

Many experts say to avoid talking about how much a coworker makes, regardless of sex. Instead, give your boss some hard data. "Connect your LinkedIn profile to PayScale to find out what you're worth in the job market, and bring the findings of your PayScale Salary Report to your HR department or supervisor," encourages Williams. "This will prevent a professional conversation from becoming personal."

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The pen is mightier than the mob

RE: "FIGHTING WORDS GO GLOBAL" (METRO, SEPT. 14-16) In response to column writer Tom Foreman's article, I must point out that I agree that freedom of speech is valued by many, and while a ridiculous, cheaply made film may have sparked violence in Muslim countries over the last few days, I also find it necessary to point out that this violence does not reflect the way that most Muslims feel, wherever they may reside. As a Muslim woman raised in this society, I can say that any violence committed in the name of our Prophet is more offensive than any film. Even the mention of this film is a waste of time and if anyone feels the need to respond to it, violence and death are not the answers. Rather, why not use our God-given right and speak the truth instead? Regardless of where we live, we all appreciate values that lead to peace. Unfortunately, ignorance has no limit, and just as I know that this film does not represent the views of many Americans, I hope others understand that the violence taking place does not speak for me or other Muslims all around the world.

H. ABOUBAKR, VIA E-MAIL

Tom Foreman's column about true free speech was right on point. Short of advocating violence, free speech necessarily means the freedom to offend, otherwise the concept is meaningless. Whether it's "true" or not cannot be the subject of official interpretation. Few realize that dissidents in technically law-based societies such as the old Soviet Union were never charged with criticizing the government, which, in theory, wasn't illegal — only for "lying" or "spreading false rumors." You can say anything you want about Stalin or Brezhnev, as long as it's "true."

MARC S. RUSSO, VIA E-MAIL

Obama's resume found lacking

The neophyte-in-chief promised retribution for the act of war committed against our country by Islamic terrorists in Libya. The same politician-in-chief told Iran to expect the natural consequence of what amounted to an act of war in plotting and attempting to execute the murder of Americans and various international dignitaries on our soil. Another promise that never materialized. Doesn't quite fit with appeasement — his forte in national security and foreign affairs.

Could we please not expose our drones to withering anti-aircraft fire from enemies we can't seem to find and our Marines to the possibility of being slaughtered, merely to perpetuate the myth that the amateur-in-chief is a strong and decisive leader? He so glaringly isn't.

LOINSWORTH SANKARSINGH, VIA E-MAIL

What's so insulting about being a girl?

I know I am late to the party with this question, but why exactly is it an insult to refer to someone being "girly"? As the mother of daughters who were once awesome girls and the grandmother of two little awesome girls (along with an awesome grandson) I don't get it why it's an insult.

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Horoscope

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You're entering a cycle in which many of your past efforts will finally be recognized, especially your more relevant successes. You may have been overlooked, but not forgotten.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Something far removed from your present interests is stirring on your behalf. Evidence pertaining to these developments will be manifesting soon.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Joint ventures are usually predicated upon equal contribution. However, to your great luck, you'll be invited to participate in something promising that requires only minimal input.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Normally, it's best to always think for yourself, but if you feel in need of another's leadership, go to a friend who is as lucky as he or she is wise.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You know what you want, and for that very reason you're likely to be a bit more ambitious than usual. The chances of getting exactly what you go after are excellent.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** An inclination to take a calculated risk could be rather pronounced. This could work to your advantage, provided you're somewhat knowledgeable about your hunch.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You have the capabilities to make the most of your opportunities when you believe in yourself. Don't be discouraged by advisers who think you're a bad bet.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If someone with a good track record invites you to join a deal, give it serious consideration. You could be especially lucky with partnership arrangements.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Being of special service to others is likely to be the principal reason for the large reward you'll likely reap. Compensation will automatically be there.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Enterprises that you personally manage are slated to end up in the winner's circle. Your work will speak for itself, and just rewards will follow.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Proper timing will be your ace in the hole, so let important matters proceed at their own pace. You won't gain a thing by trying to put the pedal to the metal.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** There is much justification for your hopes and expectations to be running high at this point in time. You'll sense that Lady Luck is looking to open many windows of opportunity for you.

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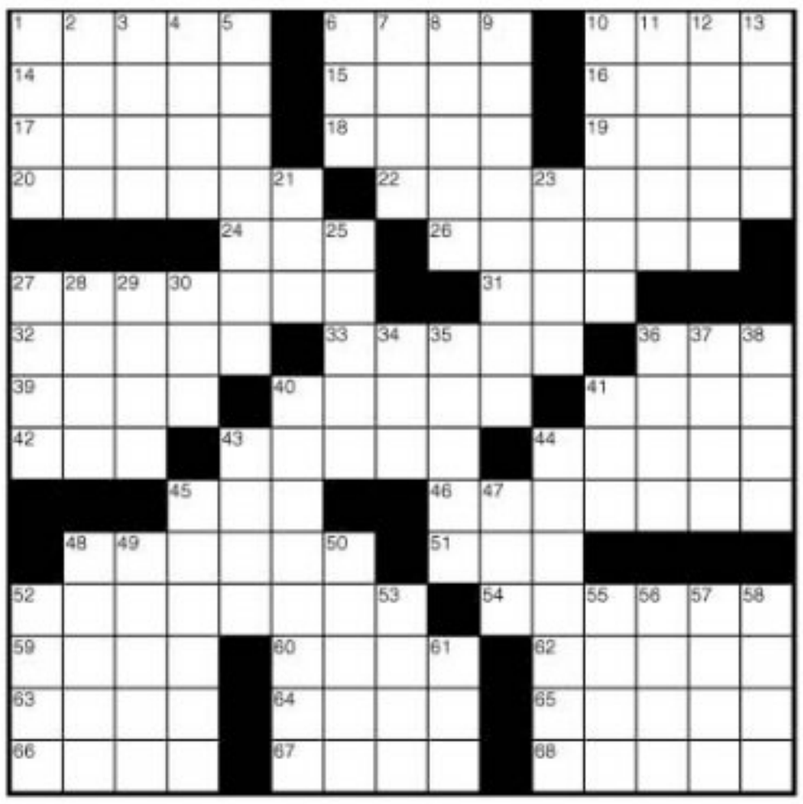

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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▶ Kevin Kolb finds the end zone in the fourth quarter yesterday.

Cardinal sins doom Patriots

Three things we learned in the Pats' 20-18 loss to Arizona:

1 YES, THE PATS CAN PLAY STUPID FOOTBALL
We tend to expect the Patriots to be the smarter, cleaner team. Not the case against Arizona. New England committed eight penalties, including a hold on Rob Gronkowski that nullified a potential game-winning touchdown in the game's final minute, had a punt blocked and completely messed up the gift possession it was given following an inexcusable Arizona fumble with 61 seconds left. After the Gronkowski holding penalty, the Pats chose to take only one more shot downfield as Brady found Wes Welker, who took it to the Cardinals 18 with 46 seconds to go. A false start on Gronkowski backed up the Pats, and Brady chose to kill two downs and the bulk of the clock before Stephen Gostkowski missed a 42-yarder. Gostkowski was 4-for-4 before that kick, including two from beyond 50 yards, but it was still no sure thing.

2 OFFENSIVE CONCERNS
Chief among them is the condition of tight end Aaron Hernandez, lost early in this one to a high right ankle sprain. Wes Welker was not even targeted until late in the first half when he made the reception that broke Troy Brown's franchise record. Brady showed some shakiness behind a shaky line and was sacked four times.

3 HOUSE OF CARDS?
We've got to question those who waited just a few bad series before booing the Pats. They deserved some criticism later, for sure, but it was alarming how quickly the crowd at Gillette showed its displeasure. It was also alarming how quickly many of the fans chose to beat the traffic.

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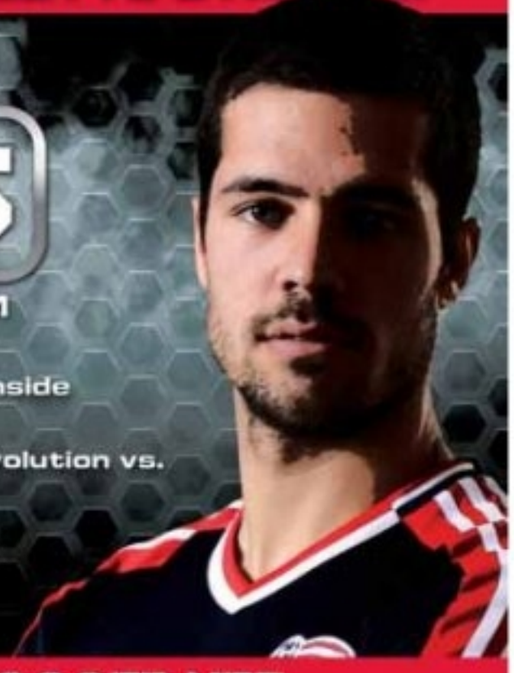

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NFL Week 2 in pictures

Bills get back on track with win over Chiefs

Week 2 in the NFL featured plenty of comebacks and fantastic finishes:

1: The Bills bounced back nicely following their blowout loss to the Jets in Week 1 as the 35-17 final against the Chiefs wasn't indicative of just how much the Bills dominated play. **C.J. Spiller** rushed for 123 yards.
2: The Bengals were able to hold on against the Browns to earn their first win of the 2012 season. Bengals QB **Andy Dalton** threw for 318 yards and three TDs in the 34-27 win.
3: Andrew Luck threw for 224 yards and two TDs to earn his first career NFL win, a 23-20 decision against the Vikings.
4: Mike Wallace's 37-yard TD reception in the third allowed the Steelers to open up a 10-point lead in a 27-10 win over the Jets.

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The Live Feed

Metro's weekly running commentary on the Patriots:

12:57 pm EDT Ewwww. Dick Stockton and John Lynch. Thankfully this will be the only Patriots game on FOX all year.
1:07: Patrick Peterson with a nice pickup out of the Wildcat. Shades of the 2008 loss to the Dolphins at home?
1:12: Jay Feely field goal gives the Cards the early advantage. 3-0, Arizona.
1:16: So, Snoop Dogg (or Snoop Lion) is reduced to doing video game commercials now? The "Deez Nuts" Snoop is confirmed to be dead with this.
1:17: Brady's first pass tipped and it's intercepted by Peterson. A great one-handed INT off the tip. He's already making his presence felt on both sides of the ball.
1:22: It's a good thing the Pats are facing Kevin Kolb today. Most quarterbacks would have taken advantage of the Pats' miscues so far. Kolb had a wide open receiver for the TD and just over-threw him. 6-0, Arizona.
1:27: Uh, oh. Aaron Hernandez goes down with what looks like a broken ankle. Edelman just rolled up on the back of his leg. It would be a cryin' shame if major injuries to key guys were the thing that took down this 2012 offense.
1:41: Stevan Ridley continues to whet the appetite of Pats fans with a riveting 17-yard gain. It's just fun to watch the guy run. For as tough as BJGE was, he certainly wasn't the most exciting rusher.
1:46 Brady can't find Brandon Lloyd deep. The two haven't been as in-sync as most expected heading into the season. Still plenty of time to correct things.
1:49: Chandler jones shows again what happens when he faces linemen 1-on-1.
1:58 Danny Aiken called for a false start. The Cardinals looked for sure like they jumped. The typically timid Gillette crowd responds with some old-school, Foxboro Stadium-like boos.
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